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Chair~ Anjanette Martin

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Discussion Items:

- **Activities Updates** – Lewis Bair, RD 108, discussed two proposals they had submitted to CALFED: (1) Consolidated Pumping Facility and Fish Screen and (2) Sediment Removal Project. The initial Panel recommendation on the Consolidated Pumping Facility was “Consider As Directed Action, the Sediment Removal Project was not recommended for funding at this time. Ernie Ohlin, Tehama County Pulic Works, and Dawit Zeleke, TNC, discussed the River Vista Project at Woodson Bridge. Approximately 1300 acres were restored several years ago; now looking at alternatives to help alleviate flooding issues on South Avenue. One possibility would be to re-open the box culverts to improve the drainage. The project will be presented in depth at a future TAC meeting. Anjanette asked that all new and existing projects be presented using the new “project fact sheet” accompanied by a map.

Rebecca Fris, CALFED, discussed the Initial Panel Recommendations on the 2002 Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP’s). Of the 260 proposals, 56 were recommended for funding. 35 were recommended “Consider as Directed Action”; revisions will need to be made by August followed by another review process. The Committee discussed the May 10th deadline for public comment does not allow adequate time for the TAC to review and make its recommendations to the Board. A suggestion was made that the TAC draft language for the Board to send to CALFED regarding the review process. The letter would reiterate the goals and principles of the Handbook against which the projects should be balanced for consistency. The lack of time for adequate proposal review would be emphasized.

- **Update on new website** – Stacy informed the group that a link is now available on the SRCA website to access mapping and CALFED PSP’s. The database will eventually have all the information being requested in the project review form; this is a good, first step in project tracking. Eventually the form will be available on an interactive website and information will be entered directly by the proponent.
- **Manager’s Report** – Burt reported that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) received funding to address issues going on in the Colusa-Princeton Sub-Reach. The project is a collaboration between TNC and SRCA to open the process to more local involvement. The Handbook has been converted to a word processing document and the changes to the language and tables resulting from the first set of amendments have been incorporated.
- **Next Meeting** – **May 16th**, 9:30 a.m., Willows City Hall, Willows.



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- Board Committee Reports –**

TAC – Chair Anjanette Martin reported the TAC is trying to move the project review process forward. Two project proposals by Reclamation District 108 were presented to the TAC using the newly adopted form.

- CALFED proposal review – Because of the limited time for review, it was determined the three projects in the Conservation Area that were recommended for funding will be e-mailed to the TAC and the Board to review for consistency with the Handbook and to offer comments. The draft letter from the TAC regarding the project review process will go out after the e-mail review. Those projects recommended “Considered for Directed Action” will be discussed at the May 16 TAC.



The Butte County Fish & Game Commission hosted several local sports enthusiasts to hear a presentation about activities along the Sacramento River. Paul Ward, Cal Dept. of Fish & Game, facilitated the presentation and discussion by Kevin Foerster, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Paul Hofmann, DFG, and Burt Bundy, the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum.

~Burt Bundy gave a background of the SRCAF, and explained that the Forum was established to bring everyone together to plan and coordinate fish and wildlife enhancement, water supply projects, and flood control needs within a narrow riparian band where active river meander occurs. The SRCAF is a non-profit, non-regulatory organization made up of local and agency representatives dedicated to voluntary cooperation between all interests. Paul Hofmann talked about the DFG properties and the management problems presented by the scattered ownerships, and the use of those properties. Kevin Foerster discussed the Management Planning process the F&WS is going through at this time. He pointed out their responsibility to manage within priorities set by law that enhance wildlife, but also include hunting and fishing, along with other recreational uses, in their Management Plan. Kevin welcomed input into the formation of the Plan. Paul Ward summed up the presentation by relating the benefits to the fisheries under SB 1086, and pointed out that the SRCAF provides the forum for all stakeholders to participate in the decisions affecting activities in the River corridor.

~Questions centered around issues that relate to access and public use of the Sacramento River. Concerns were expressed about lack of access to public land. By law, the USF&WS must close off properties until a Management Plan is adopted, and that may be up to a year or more away. It was pointed out that current mapping of public ownership is difficult to find and understand. The SRCAF website does provide some aerial maps that do help, and is in the process of developing better public use mapping and information. The Butte County Fish & Game Commission is to be commended for providing informational discussions of issues concerning local recreational users.

Future TAC/SRCA Board and Committee Meetings~

- ~The next TAC meeting will be May 16th, 9:30 a.m. at the Willows City Hall, Willows
- ~The next SRCAF Board meeting will be May 23rd, 4:00 p.m., at the "Monday Afternoon Club", 120 N. Lassen street, Willows (across from the Willows City hall)
- ~The Landowner Assurances Committee will meet on May 21st, 1:30 p.m., Colusa Fair Board

